

KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

1:00 PM

A Special Board Meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Steve Clark
Michael Hoagland
Peter Pearlman
Faron Blakeman
Debra Drewry
Arthur Azar

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Jeremy Horton, Deputy Executive Director
Adriana Lang, Board Administrator

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Gerry Gordon-Brown
Lisa Brown
Greg Osetinsky, M.D.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mark Brengelman – Assistant Attorney General

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Clark called the special meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board reviewed an e-mail correspondence regarding the Board's Opinion of internet hearing aids sale.

The Board discussed the direct to consumer sale of hearing aids through the internet.

The Board discussed hearing instruments being sold at retail outlets in Kentucky.

The Board agreed to create a Committee to work with Legal Counsel to further research the matter. Mr. Hoagland made a motion to nominate Mr. Blakeman, Mr. Pearlman and Ms. Evans as member of the committee. The motion, seconded by Ms. Drewry, carried unanimously. The Board instructed the committee to further research the internet hearing aids sale as well as what other state have done legislative to resolve to issue. Legal Counsel provided a detailed explanation of the legislative process.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Hoagland made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Gordon-Brown. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Clark reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1, 2011, the next exam will December 2, 2011. The complaint committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board meeting beginning at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Mr. Pearlman made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 2:59 p.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Azar. The motion carried unanimously.